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Claims

1. A display module for a portable device, comprising:
a liquid crystal display (LCD) device comprising first and second liquid crystal cells positioned along a first axis of the display;
first and second display drivers for respectively driving the first and second liquid crystal cells; a connector for connecting LCD device circuitry to the portable device; and
an intermediate element for interfacing the display drivers and the connector.
2. A display module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the intermediate element is positioned substantially behind the LCD device.
3. A display module as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the display drivers comprise a flexible driver support.
4. A display module as claimed in claim 3, wherein the flexible driver support flexes to contact the LCD and the intermediate element.
- ~~5. A display module as claimed in claim 3 or 4, wherein the flexible driver support is a flexible printed circuit (FPC) foil.~~
- ~~6. A display module as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the intermediate element is flexible.~~
7. A display module as claimed in claim 6, wherein the intermediate element is an FPC foil.
- ~~8. A display module as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the intermediate element comprises LCD device power control circuitry.~~

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9. A display module as claimed in any previous claim, wherein the first and second display drivers are on opposed sides of the LCD.

10. A display module as claimed in any previous claim, wherein the display drivers are positioned along the first axis.

11. A display module as claimed in any previous claim, wherein the intermediate element interconnects the first and second display drivers.

Sub 12. A portable device comprising a display module as claimed in any preceding claim.

13. A radio communications device comprising a display module as claimed in any of claims 1 to 11.

14. A radiotelephone comprising a display module as claimed in any of ~~claims 1 to 11.~~

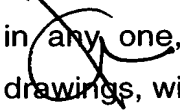
15. A display module substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or as illustrated in any one, or any combination of, Figures 1 to 6 of the accompanying drawings.

16. A portable device comprising a display module substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or as illustrated in any one, or any combination of, Figures 1 to 6 of the accompanying drawings.

17. A radio communications device comprising a display module substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to and/or as illustrated

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 in any one, or any combination of, Figures 1 to 6 of the accompanying drawings, with or without reference to Figure 7.